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QUOTE S E C R E T SEOUL 3243

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SUBJ: ZAIRE REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) SEOUL 3161 (NOTAL), (B) 76 SEOUL 1318 (NOTAL),
(C) 76 SEOUL 1319 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: KOREA EXPRESSES MODERATE INTEREST IN ZAIRE REQUEST
FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. NO RESPONSE YET FROM KINSHASA. END
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1. HYON HUI-KANG, CHIEF, MOFA WEST AFRICA DIVISION, TOLD EMBOFF
APRIL 18 ZAIRE HAS REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ROK.
REQUEST FOR LOGISTIC AID, AMMUNITION, AND PETROLEUM BY ZAIRE
TOKYO EMBASSY IN MID-MARCH FOLLOWING ROK SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL
ENVOY KIM CHONG-PIL'S CORDIAL VISIT TO KINSHASA MARCH 2-6
(REF A) IS APPRENTLY FIRST TIME ZAIRE HAS BROACHED THIS SUBJECT

SINCE ENGULU MISSION TO SEOUL FEBRUARY 1976 (REFS B&C).

2. ON MOFA INSTRUCTIONS LAST WEEK, ROK AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA SIN KI-HUM COMMUNICATED TO GOZ KOREAN WILLINGNESS IN LIGHT OF ROK-ZAIRE RELATIONS TO SUPPLY NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS UNIFORMS AND BOOTS. ROKG STILL AWAITS RESPONSE. HYON'S REPLIES TO EMBOFF QUESTIONS -- THAT ROKG PREFERS BECAUSE OF AWKWARDNESS NOT TO SEND MEDICINES, BUT WOULD CONSIDER GOZ REQUEST IF MADE; THAT ROKG WOULD ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES, BUT DOES NOT YET RULE OUT GRANT AID ARRANGEMENT--SEEM TO INDICATE ROK OFFER IS STILL GENERAL AND FLEXIBLE. HYON ALSO SAID ROKG DOES NOT NECESSARILY REGARD THIS REQUEST AS SIMILAR TO ENGULU REQUEST, SINCE SITUATION IN ZAIRE IS DIFFERENT.

3. HYON ALSO REPORTED INTERESTING BY-PLAY BETWEEN MOFA AND AMBASSADOR SIN. SIN INITIALLY REFUSED, ON GROUNDS SITUATION IN ZAIRE WAS TOO CONFUSED TO COMPLY WITH ROKG INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED SOME TIME AGO ON APPROACH TO GOZ, FINALLY MAKING APPROACH ONLY ON SECOND SET OF INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED LAST WEEK AFTER MOROCCAN INTERVENTION IMPROVED SITUATION. SNEIDER UNQUOTE. VANCE

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